

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING
INFORMATION AND PRIVACY

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mechanism for the purchase of tags for copies of software ensures that
5 identity of the purchaser of a tag table identifier value included in a purchased tag is not
revealed. A mechanism of Call-Ups from the user device to a guardian center ensures
that each tag table identifier value appears in only one user device and that the data
included in a tag table and other data stored in the user device for the purpose of
protecting vendor's and owner's rights in software, cannot be modified

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